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PLAN HARD FIGHT OVER PLATEFORM

**Efforts Under Way to Tone
Down Americanism and
Preparedness.**

**WILL BE CONTEST
ON SUFFRAGE ISSUE**

Philippines, Child Labor, Inher.
 itance Tax and Waterways
 Also in Dispute.

(From STAFF Correspondent of The Tribune)
Chicago, June 8.—All the fight over the Republican platform will not center on the principal two planks—Americanism and preparedness—though already forces are at work to make both of these as mild as possible. There will be fights on the woman suffrage plank on the statement of the party's position with respect to the Philippine, river and harbor appropriations, child labor, advisability of a Federal

tional inheritance tax, and many less picturesque but vitally important pro-

So far there has been little speculation over the labor planks, for the simple reason that Samuel Gompers, though he is here, has not yet set forth the Republican leaders what he hopes for in the way of platform declarations. Senator Borah, who, with Senator Lodge, will write the platform, is in favor of the convention going on record vigorously with regard to the military tribunals during labor disturbances.

Will Demand Protection of Citizens.

Protection of American citizens whether they are in Russia, Mexico or

on the high seas, will be demanded on vigorous terms, accompanied by statements deploring the contempt in which this country has been brought by the failure of the Wilson Administration to protect American citizens.

tion to protect American citizens wherever. The strong emphasis laid in Mexico and the reference to Russia which, though not mentioning them, will be an appeal to Jewish voters will, it is hoped, sugarcoat for the Germans the demand that Americans be protected on the high seas. It is possible that this whole plank will be toned down to generalities, as a strong element is working for such a course. This, however, though it would appeal strongly to the "pussyfooters," would

be anathema to Senator Lodge and his following and would call out so much fire from the Colonel that it is unlikely to prevail.

On Americanism also the "pussy-footers" are working hard to prevent any allusion to the hyphen. The leaders are being deluged with demands from Germans that no such reference be made. Working on the theory that the Republican party is to win—not by taking a positive position but by gathering in all the voters Wilson has

alienated—the soft-spoken leaders are trying to please Roosevelt with an

Particularly interesting will be the fight over the suffrage plank. There will almost certainly be some sort of plank. The number of delegates who would oppose a declaration in favor of votes for women is inconsequential. But all the suffragists are not going to be satisfied with the plank which Senator Borah indicates very clearly he will draft. This will merely state the gen-

eral approval of the convention of the idea of granting women the vote and will recommend it to the several states. The Woman Suffrage party has asked for a declaration of principles of this sort, but the Congressional Union wants a plank promising in positive terms the passage by Congress of a resolution submitting to the states for approval a woman's suffrage amendment to the Constitution.

At Odds on Philippines.
A final declaration of policy in regard to the Philippines will be urged by Representative Austin, of Tennessee, and is quite likely to be adopted. Senators Borah and Lodge are at variance over this issue, Senator Lodge favoring a strong plank and Senator Borah opposing it. Mr. Austin will submit a plank declaring that the United States will retain the islands permanently.

A plank rapping Democratic extravagance will be incorporated. The seal with which the Democrats have piled up appropriations and the little good to the government which has come out of them, compared with their own denunciations of "Republican extravagance" when they were not in control, will make possibly the most harmonious plank in the platform.

Whether the tariff plank will be made specific or merely general is a term has not been determined. There will be a reference to the sugar schedule, and attention will be called to the extension of the present duty because

The Democratic Administration had to have the money. The cane sugar people and their allies from the beet country want a specific declaration that the duty will be raised to its former level instead of being retained at 1 cent a pound. Delegates from the South and Southwest are eager for a duty on wool and hides.

Representative Madden, of Illinois, will lead a fight for a plank calling for a special "flood control commission" to

have supervision over all river and harbor projects, taking that supervision from the Board of Army Engineers, where it now rests. He will urge planks promising a national inheritance

Queens Library Trustees Named.
Four new trustees were appointed

yesterday to the Queens Borough Library Board. They were: William A. Gillen, attorney, Jamaica; William A. Leonard, city editor of "The Flushing Times"; Frank A. O'Keefe, Ridgewood; and Hamilton A. Higbie, treasurer of the First Mortgage Guarantee Company, Long Island City. George Poppe of Flushing, and John W. Deland of Richmond Hill, were reappointed by the Mayor. The complete complement of the board is twelve. It controls the yearly expenditure of \$200,000 in maintenance of the Queens libraries.